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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: 79TH PLENARY, MARCH 11, 1976

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 119

1. SUMMARY: STOESEL NOTED THAT BOTH SIDES NOW IN AGREE-
MENT ON OBSERVER RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS WHEN PRESENT FOR
EXPLOSIONS IN YIELD RANGE OF 100 TO 150 KILOTONS, EXCEPT
ON MATTER OF PHOTOGRAPHS. HE ARGUED THAT OBSERVER PRESENCE
IN THIS YIELD RANGE SHOULD BE VERIFYING SIDE RIGHT.
MOROKHOV PRESENTED JOINT BRACKETED PROTOCOL TEXT IN FORMAT
OF SINGLE PROTOCOL. MOROKHOV THEN REVIEWED DEVELOP-
MENT OF SOVIET POSITION ON PROCEDURES TO ASSURE VERIFICA-
TION EQUIPMENT DOES NOT HAVE COLLATERAL CAPABILITY TO
OBTAIN INFORMATION NOT NECESSARY FOR VERIFICATION, AND
CLAIMED HAD ATTEMPTED TO MEET US MORE THAN HALF-WAY.
STOESEL PRESENTED ARGUMENTS FOR US POSITION ON VERIFICA-
TION EQUIPMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. STOESEL NOTED (SEPTTEL) THAT TWO SIDES NOW APPEAR
TO AGREE ON OBSERVER RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS WHEN PRESENT
IN THE YIELD RANGE 100 TO 150 KILTONS, EXCEPT AS TO
PHOTOGRAPHS. HE THEN PRESENTED ARGUMENTS THAT PRESENCE
OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL FOR EXPLOSIONS IN THIS YIELD
RANGE SHOULD BE VERIFYING PARTY RIGHT.

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3. MOROKHOV SAID STOESEL'S STATEMENT PROVED SOVIET

POSITION TO BE CORRECT; THEN HE PRESENTED JOINT BRACKETED
PROTOCOL TEXT IN FORMAT OF SINGLE PROTOCOL, WHICH FOLLOWS
OUTLINE IN MOSCOW 3432 GENERALLY BUT NOT EXACTLY.

4. MOROKHOV THEN REVIEWED SOVIET POSITION TO ASSURE
THAT VERIFICATION EQUIPMENT DOES NOT OBTAIN INFORMA-
TION NOT NECESSARY FOR VERIFICATION. SAID THERE ARE THREE
BASIC ASSUMPTIONS: (A) HOST PARTY MUST BE CONVINCED
THAT EQUIPMENT BROUGHT TO SITE IS INTENDED ONLY FOR
ACQUISITION OF DATA NECESSARY FOR VERIFICATION;
(B) HOST PARTY MUST BE CONVINCED THAT NO OTHER INFORMATION
HAS BEEN OBTAINED IN PROCESS OF OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT;
(C) HOST PARTY MUST NOT IMPEDE OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT
AND SHOULD ENSURE THERE IS CONFIDENCE IN THIS. SOVS
BELIEVED US SHARED THESE VIEWS. MOROKHOV TRACED SOVIET
MOVES TOWARD US POSITION, AND SUMMARIZED THEIR CURRENT
POSITION. SAID SOVIET SIDE HAD CONSISTENTLY MET US
HALF-WAY TO AVOID A "DEAD-END," AND HOPED US WOULD FOLLOW
SAME PRINCIPLE.

5. STOESSEL REHEARSED ARGUMENTS FOR US POSITION ON
EQUIPMENT (SEPTEL). SITUATIONS PRE-EXPLOSION AND
POST-EXPLOSION REQUIRE DIFFERENT TREATMENT. US
APPROACH TAKES THIS INTO ACCOUNT SO THAT TAMPERING WOULD
INVOLVE UNACCEPTABLE RISK TO VERIFYING SIDE AND HOST
PARTY. US APPROACH TREATS BOTH SIDES EQUALLY; BOTH
SHARE RISK; AND INTERESTS OF BOTH ADEQUATELY AND
EVEN-HANDEDLY PROTECTED.

6. MOROKHOV SAID THEY WOULD STUDY US VIEWS, BUT IT
SEEMED APPROACH PROPOSED BY US WAS "TOO COMPLEX FOR
COMPREHENSION AND IMPLEMENTATION." HE SAID QUESTIONS
OF RISK AND TRUST WERE MATTERS OF FEELING RATHER THAN
TECHNICAL MATTERS. HOWEVER, HE AGAIN DID NOT REPEAT NOT
SAY US APPROACH UNACCEPTABLE.

7. WHILE STOESSEL READING SECOND STATEMENT, TIMERBAEV,
CONSULTING FREQUENTLY WITH KONASHKOV, RODIONOV AND
NOVIKOV, WAS BUSILY MARKING UP A DRAFT HEADED "ALTER-
NATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 ARTICLE IV," (MAIN EQUIPMENT PARA-
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GRAPH, PARA 4 ARTICLE VII OF CURRENT US PROTOCOL TEXT).

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